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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR PATENT

OF: Masaaki HARASAWA et al.	ART UNIT: 2839
USSN: 10/017,983	CONFIRMATION NO. 8381
FILED: December 13, 2001	EX.: S. V. Nguyen
FOR: Electric Connector for Electrically Connecting a Wire of One Article to a Contact of Another Article (as amended)	Due: January 2, 2003 (with a Two Month Term Extension)

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
BOX RESPONSE - FEE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20231

January 2, 2003

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 2, 2002 INCLUDING AN
ATTACHED TERM EXTENSION REQUEST AND AN ATTACHED COVER SHEET WITH
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Dear Sir:

The period for responding to the Office Action has been extended
with the enclosed Term Extension Request and fee payment (Credit
Card Payment Form PTO-2038).

Please amend the above identified application as follows.